

A Skillful Dodger.

When Gladstone was asked whether or not he was going to support Scotch Disestablishment he dumped the following reply at the interrogatory:

"I will only say that as far as I am able to judge, we are thinking at the present time, and the people of Scotland are thinking, of other subjects, which are regarded, I believe, as of much more urgent and immediate duty than the determination of a very much controverted question, which, as I have said before, I believe the people of Scotland will find themselves perfectly sufficient to determine, and in a manner which the rest of the empire will respect, whether the answer be aye or nay. It is not within my knowledge, certainly, that the consideration of that question has entered definitely into the concerns of the present elections, and therefore I do not feel my own information or means of judgment about it at all augmented in the course of it by anything that has reached me."

His audience is now trying to figure how he stands on the subject, with no definite results. All agree, however, that his answer was very eloquent, not to say devilish sly.

The Figures About the Same.

A sensation has been caused in Sacramento by the filing of a complaint in the Court by which a lobbyist alleges that he paid out a sum total of \$680 to various members for their votes, and wants the money refunded by the party for whom he did the work. He gives a list of the men whom he paid the money, and the prices range from \$80 to \$300. They average about \$150 apiece.

It will thus be seen that notwithstanding the long distance Nevada is from the sea-board, the price of Legislature votes up here, does not differ materially from schedule rates ruling in the older civilization of our sister State.

Will be Heard From.

The Journal says: Mr. Frank Bell is in Reno, and as soon as the Committee, the Carson APPEAL, or any other person, have had their say, he will be heard from. There is no investigation he does not court. And the more of it the better it suits him. He throws down the gauntlet to all and everybody, and the Journal will back him or "bust."

It looks very much up this way that Mr. Bell has already spoken in the report which he submitted to the Legislature. However, if Mr. Bell has any new lights to offer, the columns of the APPEAL are open to him.

Bound to Move, Anyhow.

In the Arkansas Legislature. Member from White Oak Fork: "Mr. Speaker, you, sir, have doubtless read something concerning the tariff. Sir, I am opposed to all kinds of oppression, and I therefore move you, sir, that we abolish the tariff."

Speaker—That power belongs exclusively to Congress.

"And hasn't the State of Arkansas got anything to do with it?"

"No."

"Then, sir, I was laboring under a misapprehension. As I arose to make a motion, I will withdraw my tariff motion and move you, sir, that we adjourn till one o'clock."

—It was argued against the Lottery Bill, that it was unconstitutional because the bill was inoperative, except on certain contingencies.

The New Jersey Assembly has passed unanimously a bill to annul the charter of the Morris and Essex road; the property of which is worth about \$50,000,000, with the provision that the act shall not be operative if the company will, before June 1st next, file a waiver of its claim of exemption from taxation under its special charter, and with the further provision that upon the filing of such waiver the State will remit its claim for about \$1,000,000 in a delinquent tax.

—The Enterprise tells of pine timbers in the Con. Virginia mine which were originally six by six, but have been squeezed down so that they are only two inches thick. Lots of the stockholders in that same mine have been squeezed even flatter than that.

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